

# **Profile of B.C.'s Retail Trade Sector**

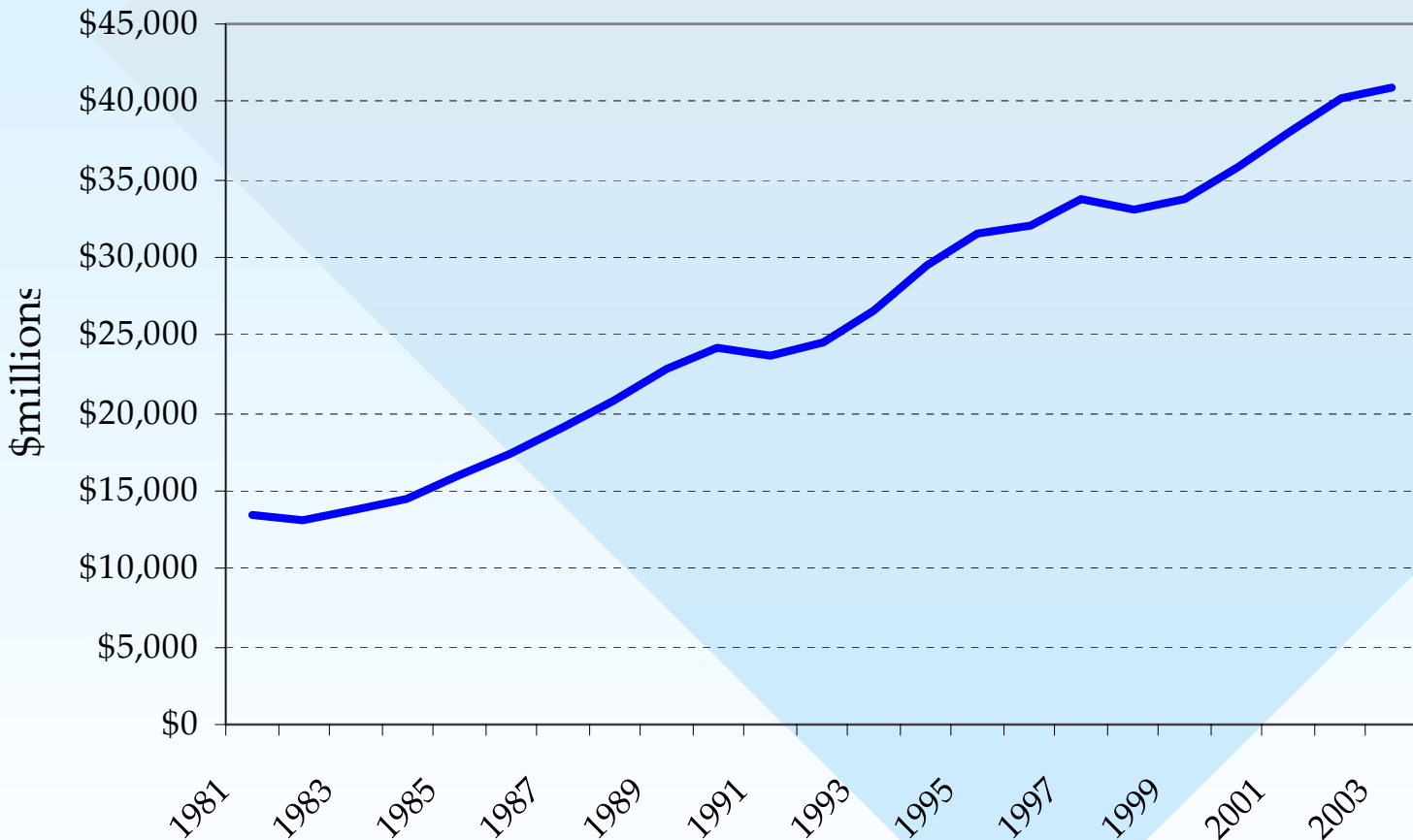
# How big is B.C.'s retail trade sector?

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- Retail sales in B.C. reached nearly \$41 billion in 2003, up 54% from a decade ago.
- Department store sales accounted about \$2.5 billion, and new vehicle sales accounted for \$5.8 billion.
- Other types of stores which are included in retail trade are:
  - Supermarkets and grocery stores
  - Drugs and patent medicine stores
  - Clothing and shoe stores
  - Household furniture and appliance stores
  - Gasoline service stations
  - Automotive parts, accessories and services
  - General merchandise stores
  - Liquor, wine and beer stores

# Nearly \$41 billion in retail sales in B.C. in 2003...

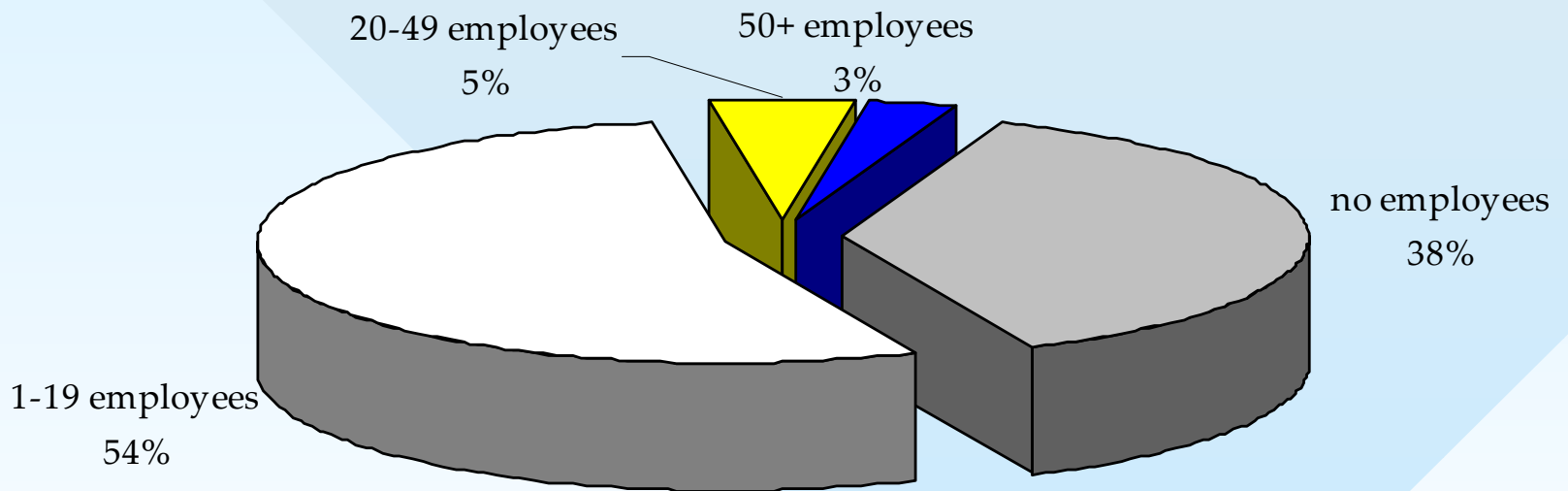
Retail sales in B.C.



# How many Retail trade businesses are there in B.C.?

## Retail Trade Businesses in B.C. by Size of Firm, 2003

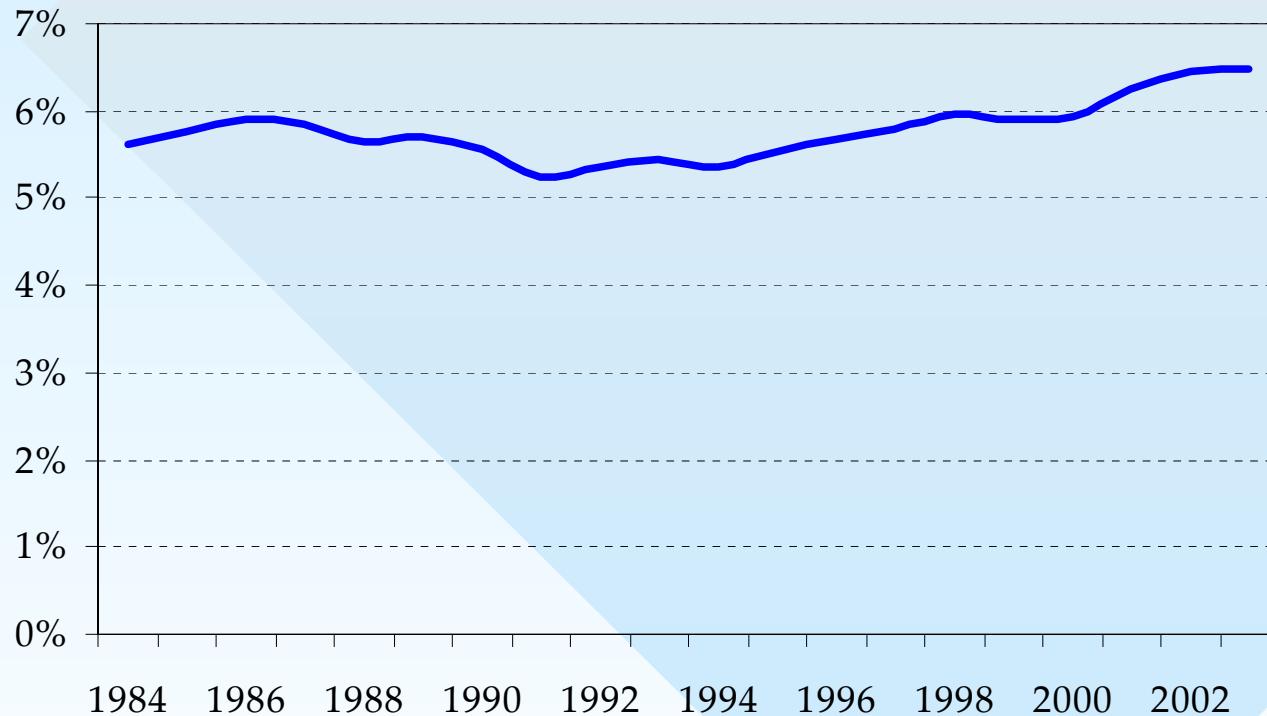
Total =29,436



Source: Statistics Canada

# How much economic activity does the Retail trade sector generate?

Retail Trade GDP as a % of Total in B.C.

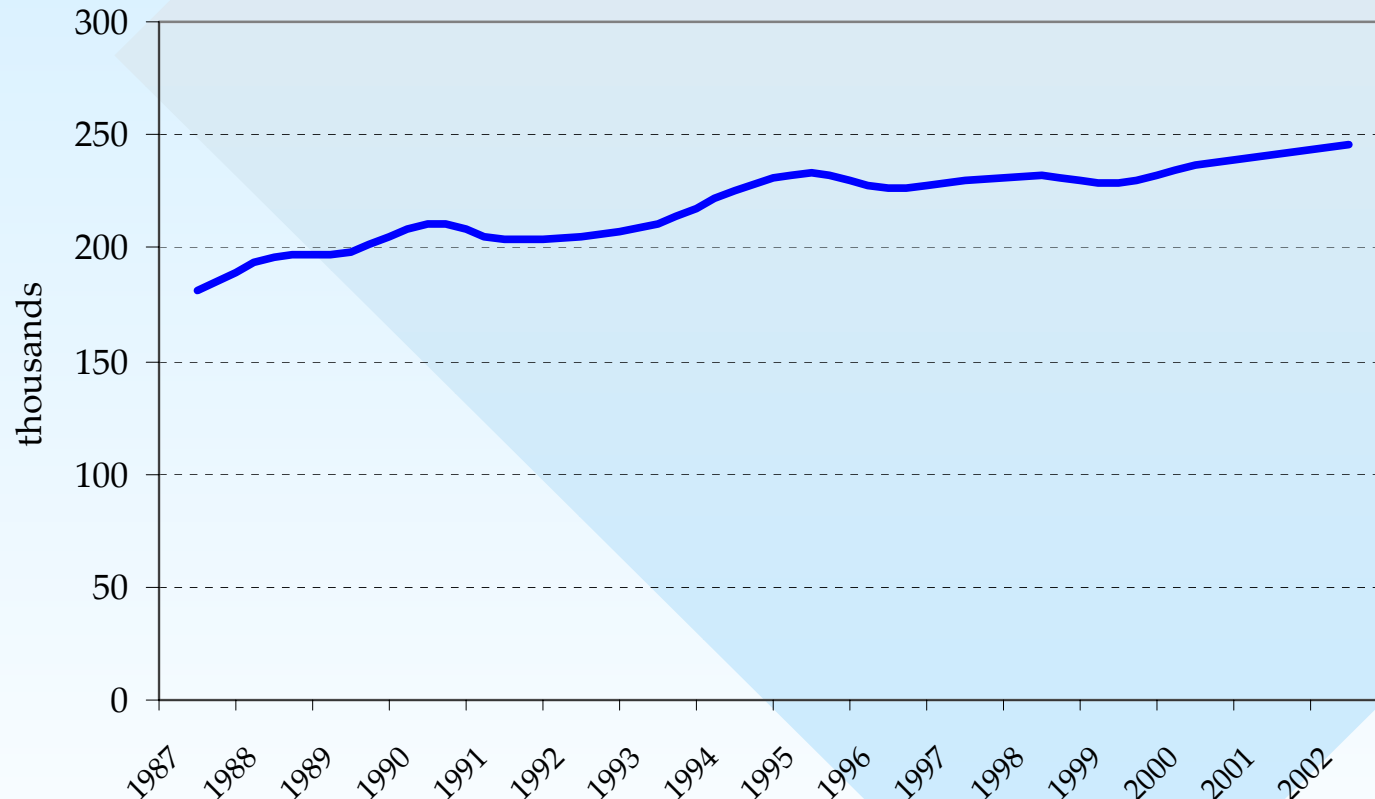


Source: Statistics Canada, Provincial Economic Accounts

**In 2003, Retail trade generated over \$8 billion in GDP, accounting for almost 7% of the provincial total. This sector is of growing importance to the provincial economy.**

# How many people are employed in B.C.'s Retail trade sector?

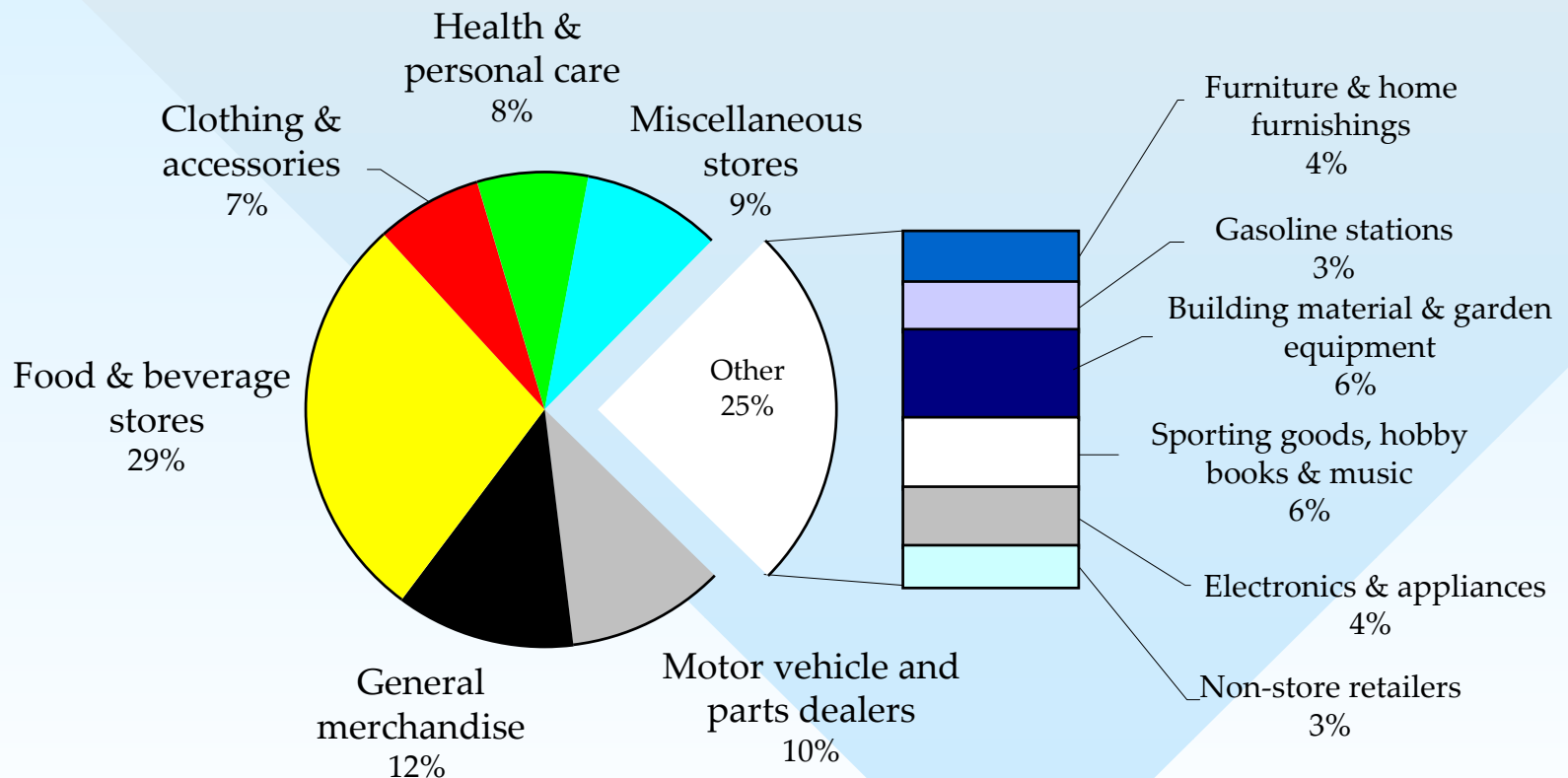
Employment in B.C.'s Retail Trade Sector



**In 2002, there were almost 250,000 people employed directly in the retail trade sector.**

# What kind of activities do Retail trade workers do?

Employment in Retail Trade by Subsector



# What are the top occupations in retail trade in B.C.? (share of total)

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- Retail Salespersons & Sales Clerks
- Retail Trade Managers
- Cashiers
- Grocery Clerks & Store Shelf Stockers
- Retail Trade Supervisors
- Service Station Attendants
- Other Elemental Sales Occupations
- Customer Service Information & Related Clerks
- Automotive Service Technicians, Truck Mechanics & Mechanical Repairers
- Butchers & Meat Cutters - Retail & Wholesale